



MONTEREY NEWS

MAY 1990



TOWN NEWS

On April 9 at 7 p.m. the Board of Health conducted a public hearing to discuss the proposed Private Well Regulations. Several townspeople attended the hearing as well as Sanitary Inspector Peter Kolodziej, who explained the need for the regulations as proposed. The purpose of the regulations is to "protect the public health" by "ensuring housing units with no access to public water supplies the supply of safe drinking water" and to "provide for the protection of the town's groundwater resources."

The regulations included the proposed increase in setback requirements for private wells from subsurface sewage disposal fields from 100 feet (the current Title V requirement) to 150 feet. After much discussion it was decided that the Title V setback of 100 feet be maintained. The regulations recommended that septic tanks be set back from wells a minimum distance of 100 feet, which the Board amended to 50 feet. It was moved by Chairman Rick Mielke, seconded by Matt Williams, and unanimously voted that the Private Well Regulations be accepted as amended.

Police Chief Doug Lyman met with the Board of Selectmen for approval of the purchase of patches for the Police Department. In another matter, Chief Lyman asked that the Board temporarily appoint Dale Lyman as a Special Officer to the Monterey Police Department for a period of five weeks for the sole purpose of attending the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training In-Service school. The Selectmen approved the request under the stipulation that Mr. Lyman shall absolve the Town of all liability in the event of accident or injury suffered while he is traveling to and from school.

The Board announced the appointments of Stephen Bohn, Greta Cherneff and Barbara Swann to a Computer Review Committee for a term ending June 30, 1990. There have been problems with the Town's computer system, and the new committee will make recommendations on the purchase of any new computer. It was moved by Matt Williams, seconded by Georgiana O'Connell and unanimously voted to authorize the repair of the Town Office computer up to a sum of \$1,000.00.

Rudy Gero, a member of the Cemetery Committee, met with the Board to discuss paving the Corashire Cemetery road. It was decided to use funds from the perpetual care account to reimburse the Highway Department for the work.

At the March 26 meeting of the Board of Selectmen it was unanimously voted to authorize an override in the amount of \$65,000.00 or any other sum relative thereto. The Town will be asked to approve of said override at the Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 1990.



Spring on the River Road: Steve Pulsifer and Lisa Pierro

The Board met with Town Clerk Barbara Swann, who submitted articles for the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting. The articles include a funding request to cover the cost of mailing the warrants to voters for all Town Meetings, a request that health insurance coverage be offered to all Town employees and officers who work more than 20 hours a week, and an article relating to dog restraint and dog licensing.

William Bohn, the Town's Procurement Officer, met with the Board to review price quotes obtained for performing perc tests (based on the Town's supplying percolation certification and the backhoe) at the Town Hall and the proposed site of the new Town Hall. Accord Diversified, of Tyringham, quoted the lowest price of \$30.00 per hour and did not charge for travel time due to their proximity to the sites. The Board authorized Mr. Bohn to contact Accord Diversified to perform the perc tests.

Melinda Olds submitted a letter to the Selectmen from Bob Thieriot of Wellman Road requesting that the Board consider whether to exercise its option of first refusal on a parcel of land located on Wellman Road. Mr. Thieriot wishes to sell the land to Olds in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 61. The Board instructed Ms. Olds to have a lawyer prepare the appropriate documents for review.

It was moved by Selectman O'Connell, seconded by Chairman Mielke and unanimously voted that Shirley Clute be appointed to the Monterey Arts Council for a six-year term ending April 9, 1996.

The following Building Permit Applications were approved: Richard C. Nault for a porch addition to his Route 23 Stevens Lake house; Jed Lipsky for the construction of a stable on his Blue Hill Road property; Karl and Shirley Quisenberry for the construction of a deck addition to their Bidwell Road house.

The following Driveway Permits were approved: two permits to Leigh Tryon, one for construction of a driveway entering onto Route 23 at the site of the former nursing home and another for relocating a water-runoff drainage on the Route 23 side of the Win Ogden property; to John and Candice Piretti for construction of a driveway on the east side of Harmon Road.

The Board of Health approved a Well Drilling permit for Joseph E. Lanoue of Sandisfield Road. In addition, Board of Health members Mielke and O'Connell renewed a cabin and motel license for Matt Williams for the operation of Lee Side Lodge on Route 57.

— Maggie Leonard

CHURCH NEWS

"Central to Christian faith and life is the symbol of the gathered community. The assembly of persons, gathered in the name of God about the font, the book, and the table, symbolizes another society beyond our human dreams. It points toward and manifests another community beyond the tired politics of the world and even beyond the dreams of the church. Here we confront a symbol for the relation of all humankind in restored relation to one another and to the whole of the created order."

Donald E. Salier's quote from the book *Worship and Spirituality* points to an important aspect of the Christian faith. In most of the world's major religions and philosophies the individual can experience personal enlightenment apart from the community. While Christianity affirms personal spirituality it looks to Jesus's teachings, which emphasize the role of the individual as part of the community of faith. Essentially, it boils down to one simple recognition—you can't be a Christian all by yourself.

In following in the footsteps of Christ, one begins to realize that the inward dimension of faith is only half the story. The other half, quite clearly, is the outward journey; not merely the "social" gospel but living and working together with others who are seeking to "live out" their faith. That's what we in the Monterey United Church of Christ are all about—affirming our journeys both personal and corporate, exploring the whole landscape of faith, both interior and exterior. Our closing worship ritual each Sunday symbolizes this best—individuals holding hands in the whole circle of God's love. Come share the spirit!

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TOWN MEETING 1990

Town officials have constructed a "bare bones" budget for fiscal year 1990-91. Even if all requests for expenditures are approved at Town Meeting, the budget will be down \$94,000 from last year. If all finance committee recommendations are heeded, it will be down \$101,000 from last year.

There has been no notification of the approximately \$100,000 in State Aid which the Town has counted on for years. Therefore, there will be two requests for ways to stay afloat financially. One will be a request for an assessment of \$14,089 to cover school capital expenditures. Money (for a capital expense) may be assessed outside the 2½% limit on budget expansion. It is called an "exclusion" and will be, in effect, a one-year override, which will not permanently affect the base on which next year's 2½% will be calculated. The second request will be for an assessment of an additional \$65,000, an amount which will override the 2½% limit and will permanently raise the tax base.

Voters may recall the \$140,000 exclusion request at last year's Town meeting which enabled the Town to purchase a new road grader. That amount padded out the budget total for 1989-90 but didn't remain in the tax base for this year.

The school budget is down \$4,276 from last year, and that reduction, along with a lot of little cuts here and there, enabled decision makers to crank this year's budget down to manageable proportions.

In budget line items the Finance Committee disagreed with several fiscal '90-91 requests. The Assessors' Clerk requested \$250 above last year's budget but hadn't used all the money from the previous request, so was advised to stay at the previous year's level. Town Office Secretary's salary request went up \$1,500 and was approved. Fire Protection went up \$1,000. Snow and Sand is up \$2,000. Highway Capital reinstated its annual request for \$50,000 after having asked for nothing last year in order to allow tax money to go for the grader.

The library's request for a \$3,000 increase takes into account salary increases. The Park Commission is asking for \$2,300 more this year. In both cases these substantial increases were put back in Finance Committee recommendations.

As for special articles, Highway Department salaries are up about \$1.00 an hour. In Article 10 there is a request for \$2,600 to revalue a flurry of new parcels established during recent deliberations by the Planning Board on changing minimum

lot sizes. It costs about \$40 per parcel to revalue new properties.

In Article 11 there is an expense of \$2,300, likely to be requested every year from now on by the Assessors, for computer license and software used in their work.

There is a request for \$8,000 (Article 15) to audit the accountant's, the Tax Collector's, the Treasurer's and the Town Clerk's books, a long time having passed since that work was done.

There is new wording (Article 8) relating to Conservation Commission money, because filing fees for wetland-related projects have substantially increased in the last year. The money is held on the books by the Town, in a "Wetland Protection Fund" account and must be transferred to the commission's account by vote.

The confusing language department also includes that of Article 13 which speaks of "Procurement Procedures." That means the ways in which goods and services are procured by the Town, such as bidding procedures. In Article 20 there is the term, "Compensation Balance Agreement," which merely describes the arrangement whereby interest earned in an Town bank account may be used to pay service charges incurred by that account.

There is a suggestion in Article 23 to increase the number of holidays allowed full-time Town employees from six to nine. Out of the 11 holidays available to many workers in the Commonwealth, Monterey's employees now get a holiday off only at Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving.

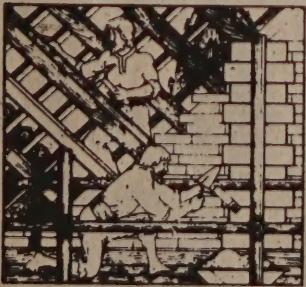
One of the largest money requests (Article 14) is that of \$15,000 to remove trees from the banks and logs from the riverbed of the Konkapot River so that the stream channel will remain unchanged and roots of falling trees will not loosen large sections of banks, undermining River Road.

Next to the Stream and Pond Protection Zoning Bylaw (see information elsewhere in this issue), the article likely to inspire the most discussion is Article 27, another attempt at a leash law for dogs in Monterey.

Otherwise, the warrant is relatively free of controversial subjects and outlandish requests for money. It will be a good opportunity for voters to offer opinions and make decisions which will establish some policies and expenditures on behalf of Town government.

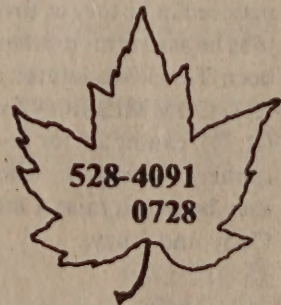
— Ellen Pearson

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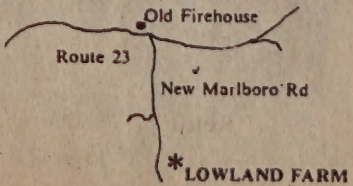
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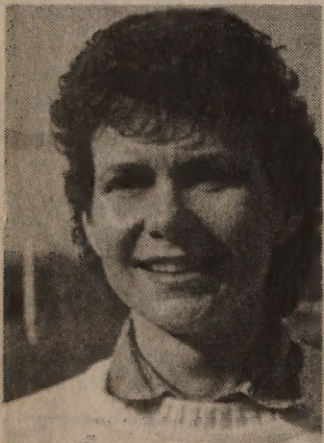
**TOWN BALLOT FOR ELECTIONS AT TOWN MEETING
May 5, 1990**



Osborne E. Dugan (R, D)



Greta Cherneff (R, D)



Laurie Shaw (R, D)



Mark J. J. Makuc (R, D)

BOARD OF APPEALS for five years. **Osborne E. Dugan** (R, D), candidate for re-election. Ozzie, chair of the Board of Appeals, has been on it for ten years. Before that he was on the Planning Board for ten years, and he was on the School Committee when its first labor contract was negotiated. He has been a banker and a real estate appraiser and retired in September 1989. His two children are grown; he and his wife Etta live on Route 57 near the New Marlborough line.

ASSESSOR for three years. **Peter Vallianos** (R, D), candidate for re-election. A lawyer with offices in Great Barrington and Monterey, Peter is particularly interested in the affairs and goals of the Monterey Land Trust. He has served as an assessor now for over a decade. He, his wife Evelyn, and their three children live on Bidwell Road.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE for three years. **Florence Brown** (R, D), candidate for re-election, was a biology teacher when she and her husband came to Monterey sixty-three years ago. She has been on the Cemetery Committee for about fifteen years. She and one of her sisters share a house on Blue Hill Road.

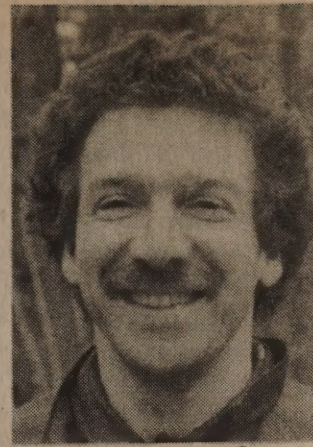
FINANCE COMMITTEE for three years. **Greta Cherneff** (R, D) moved to Monterey from Chicago, where she ran a bookkeeping service for small businesses, as she does now here. She has been an active volunteer wherever she has lived and would like to use her skills for Monterey. She and her husband Martin live in Hupi Woods.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE for three years. **VOTE FOR TWO.** **Linda E. Thorpe** (R, D), candidate for re-election, has already served one term as a Library Trustee. She is a member of the Fire Company and assistant teacher at the Monterey kindergarten.

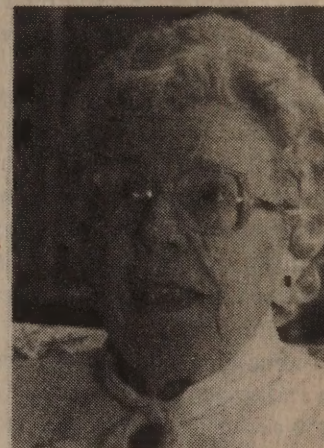
Laurie P. Shaw (R, D) was a full-time pediatric social worker before she had two small children to care for and now is RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) coordinator in the schools. She is also teaching a course at Berkshire Community College. She is, she says, a reader herself and eager for children to acquire that pleasure when they are young. Laurie, husband Gary, first grader Andrew, and toddler Emily have lived in the center of town since 1987.

MODERATOR for one year. **Mark J. J. Makuc** (R, D), candidate for re-election. Mark, a member of a family that provides many members who help in the running of Monterey, majored in history at Brown University. As one of his several jobs he assists his mother Anne in the Town Library. He has been Town Moderator since 1984.

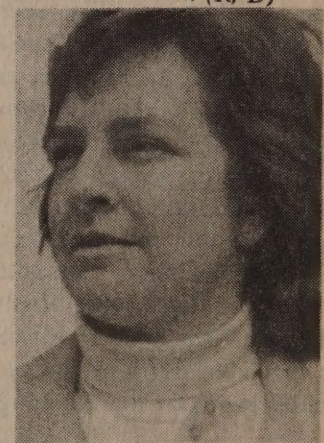
PARK COMMISSION for three years. **R. Thomas Rosenthal** (R, D), candidate for re-election, is an international photographer. He and his wife, Ellen, settled in Monterey when they began to raise a family. They now have two children, Cody and Lucy.



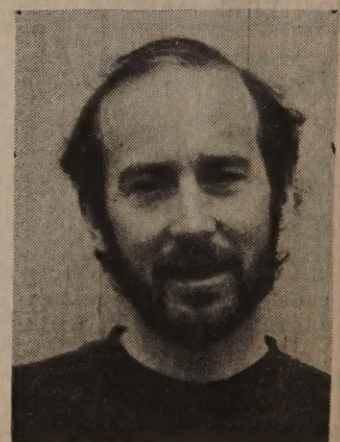
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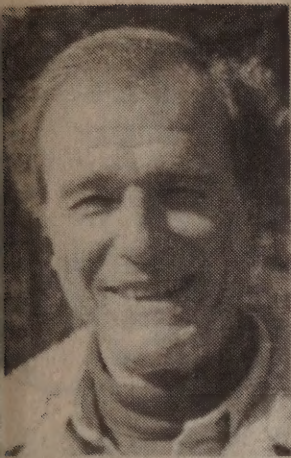


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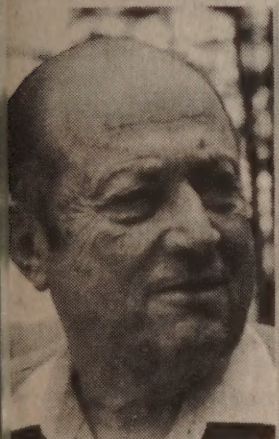


Tom Rosenthal (R, D)





Arthur D. (Elk) Dempsey (D)



William J. Bohn (R, D)

PLANNING BOARD for five years. **Arthur D. (Elk) Dempsey** (D) believes in studying the contours and layout of the Town and planning in advance for their wise use. He is an electrical engineer and a systems analyst and sold his own business when he moved to Monterey in 1985, where he lives on Art School Road with his wife Caro and daughter Jareka. (See letter on page 8.)

Leroy E. Thorpe (R) supports the present zoning by-laws which, he feels, if fairly administered, are adequate to protect Monterey and to keep the door open for newcomers as well. He was a police officer for fifteen years, has served on the Park Commission, and has been a mainstay of Little League baseball for twenty-three years. He lives in the town center with his family.

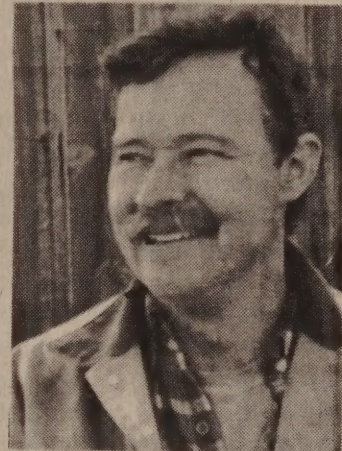
SELECTMAN for three years. **William J. Bohn** (R, D). After visiting Monterey for forty years, Bohn and his wife Jane became residents in 1988. He is an engineer who has made a specialty of rehabilitating companies that are in trouble. He has familiarized himself with the Town by attending Selectmen's meetings for the past year and a half and has been on the Board of Finance for the past year. As Selectman he would be in charge of procurement—the buying of supplies and equipment. Bill, Jane, and their son Stephen live on Bidwell Road.

TREE WARDEN for one year. **Roger C. Tryon** (R, D), candidate for re-election. Tryon, farmer, forester, nurseryman, maple syrup maker, is a native of Monterey. He wants to continue as Tree Warden because of his increasing concern about the condition of the soil and the acidity of the rain in which trees now must live.

AUDITOR for one year. **Hans Kessler** (R, D), candidate for re-election. Prior to becoming Town Auditor, Kessler was First Selectman. He and his wife Jane have lived in Monterey since 1980. He is an accountant.



Leroy E. Thorpe (R)



Roger C. Tryon (R, D)

PHOTOS BY SUSAN McALLESTER

MONTEREY LAND TRUST

every region, whether it is metropolitan, rural or small town, its own unique landscape which becomes part and parcel of those who live within it. The Monterey Land Trust is making a special appeal to those who are building houses on the mountainsides and mountaintops of Monterey, which are such a vital part of this collective landscape. A room with a view is a wonderful thing. However, we hope that builders in our mountain areas will bear in mind that it is not necessary to clear land in front of your house in order to obtain a view. Previously cultivated land let go soon reverts to naturalized, wilderness again. Cutting this second growth forest can be an art or an eyesore on the face of our landscape. Over the years, there have been many houses built on the hills and around Lake Garfield which offer magnificent views, but are all but invisible from below. Future builders on new subdivisions in Monterey must consider leaving many trees in place. Nearly all the lots for which there is building planned on relatively gentle slopes, and trees offer shade from the hot sun of summer. Homeowners can have splendid views from beneath a canopy of unspoiled greenery, while the mountains can be left visually intact, in harmony with the precious Monterey landscape, for all of us to enjoy.

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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

The Raab Family

The old John Horn house, the big green building with the porte-cochere on Route 23 at the west end of Bidwell Road, has interesting new occupants. They are Dr. Jerrold Raab, his wife Giuliana Angelotti DallAgnol Raab and their three children, Micole, 13; Oriana, 11; and Travis, 4. The Raabs purchased the house five years ago but came to live there, full time, only last July. Jerry is no stranger to Monterey. His parents had a home in South Egremont and also in Great Barrington. The family especially loved canoeing on Lake Garfield.

Jerry got his BA at Brooklyn College and his Doctorate of Dental Surgery at New York University Dental School. While he was working there at the dental clinic in his last year of training he met Giuliana. She had come over from north Italy, where she owned and operated a hotel in the Dolomite Mountains, to visit her sister in New York. She and Jerry were married in 1973, the same year he received his DDS.

The Raabs settled in Great Neck, Long Island, and remodeled and decorated their home there in King's Point Village. Giuliana is also a talented designer and decorator. But as their family started to grow they dreamed of settling in the Berkshires, and a seven-year search began with a home on Lake Garfield as a high priority. The Horn-Palmer house with its boathouse on the lake seemed just right, and the family moved in.

The two girls attend Berkshire Country Day School. Nicole loves art and Oriana wants to be a veterinarian. There are chickens waiting for their coops to be built, and there will be horses in the barn. Travis includes among his enthusiasms his drum-set and the flamboyant swordsman, Zorro. He attends the nursery school at St. Paul's Church in Stockbridge.

Extensive restoration and remodeling are under way as the grand old house is being brought up to date. The outbuilding that once was a combined woodshed, ice-house, and groom's quarters has been moved to new foundations and is now a state-of-the-art dental office, just about ready to open.

Dr. Raab has been in private practice in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Great Neck for the last 17 years. He does all phases of dentistry but is particularly interested in full mouth rehabilitation and cosmetic dentistry. He also follows the advances in the art and science of dentistry as soon as they are made. As a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry he takes courses every year on the latest techniques, products, and theories in his discipline. As a member of the American Dental Association he learns through its journals and meetings of the ongoing research on which all of this depends.

The Raabs love the outdoors and are interested in skiing, horseback riding, hiking, waterfalls, wildlife, and the serenity of Monterey's walks and waterways. Jerry has trained in the martial arts and plays the guitar.

It's a pleasure to welcome this interesting family to Monterey, and it will be a historic first to have a dental office in town.

— David P. McAllester



The Raab Family

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The milk goat had her babies this morning. Her udder has been full for days, and her brown-and-white flanks bulged out in all directions as if she had swallowed a load of firewood. A month ago she was limping on her front right foot, so I got her up on the milk stand, trimmed her hooves, and made an inspection. There was nothing wrong that I could see, and she was walking pretty evenly when she got down. Then yesterday she was favoring her left hind leg somehow. We decided to leave her alone and see if she felt better after unloading those kids.

The goat's name is Chives. We've had her about ten years, and every spring she gives birth to one or two babies without any difficulty. We keep the kids for awhile, until they start drinking so much milk that there's none left for us. Then we bottle train them and start advertising. In recent years we've been lucky, finding "good goat homes" for all her offspring.

What is a good goat home? We don't require prospective goat adopters to furnish a home-study report, an FBI fingerprint check, or a financial statement of net worth. We don't charge thousands of dollars. But there are a few requirements, a few basic needs a goat has if he is to lead a happy life. He needs food and shelter, protection from the rain, especially. He needs good fencing so he doesn't go poison himself on mountain laurel leaves or disendear himself to the neighbors by girdling their fruit trees and stomping in the roof of their car.

Maybe the most important thing for a goat, even more so than the things mentioned above, is company. When people all up saying they want one little goat we ask right away whether they have any other animals. If they say, well, yes, they have a nice fenced backyard where they keep their gigantic ferocious eurotic dog and they figure on throwing the goat in there, too, we say forget it. We also say forget it when they say they have no other animals except a parakeet but they'll take the goat out for a walk every day when they get home from the office.

I have to be fair, though, and tell you about a good goat home in a cellar in Philadelphia. This goat, an only goat, belonged to some friends who later gave us our first goats. They had a big golden retriever, a cat, and a house with no yard. Every day when they got home from the office they took the dog and the goat to the park for a run and on weekends they often went canoeing, goat and all. We've seen the photos, so we know it's true.

Another good goat home is our place, here in Monterey. The way you can tell if your goat is happy is if she eats and drinks and goes for walks several times a day. If she is not happy, she will not do these things and she will cry, or blat, or scream, it's all the same thing. The only time we had a goat acting like that was for the eternity between getting our first and second goats. It was actually only a few days, but nobody slept during that time; fences were jumped, and hearts were broken.

It's twelve years later and we still keep two does. The older one is Chives, and aside from having sore feet when she's very pregnant, she's never had a problem of any kind in ten years. I helped pull the babies out this morning because they were headed out backwards, but really I don't think I was needed. Everyone was happy and excited there in the first warm day of April, with the sun shining in on the hay, warming the wet little goat babies. We were thrilled, satisfied right up to the brim



with the perfect birth. Phoebes were shrieking, kinglets singing, and even the black cat Corvus came by after awhile to see what was happening.

The one family member for whom this might have been a first birth was the one squealing and stamping, racing about like the Black Stallion on the beach. This is Nubbin, the 16-year-old Welsh pony. She's never been bred, and I wonder if she ever got a whiff of amniotic fluid before. She pawed the ground, giving off little squeaks and snorts. Every time someone took a flash picture of the goat babies Nubbin thundered away shaking her wild mane. Then she'd be back in an instant, unable to keep away, leaning her head way over the bar, stretching toward the little wet heap in the hay. If he flicked an ear she'd snort and be off again, only to come flying right back.

By the midafternoon the babies were fluffed out and wobbling under the bar out into the pen. Now Nubbin stood like a statue, the perfect auntie, while the little bumbles staggered against her sleek black legs, bonking her knees looking for milk. She nuzzles them, whickers to them, and towers over them, her wild streak tamed by true love for somebody else's babies. The milk goat is happy, too, because her feet don't hurt any more.

— Bonner J. McAllester



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LETTERS FROM CANDIDATES

Dear Voter:

When the Democratic Party nominated me for the Planning Board, I readily and enthusiastically accepted. I saw it as a way to be of service to Monterey as well as to utilize my experience and interests.

Caro and I moved here from Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1985. We wanted to live in a country town where woods and cross-country skiing were right out the door and which was populated by interesting, diverse and friendly people. My wife Caro is a pre-school teacher at the Otis Public School. Our daughter Jareka was born in our house on Art School Road on January 16, 1988. I have two older daughters, Cathy and Anne, from a previous marriage.

I grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and after high school spent four years in the navy as an electronics technician. I spent a year and a half working in the Far East, which financed my return to school, and I graduated from Columbia University as an electrical engineer in 1959. I was a computer engineer for about twelve years and then switched to sales. A partner and I started our own manufacturer's rep company in 1974. This was successful enough for my partner to buy me out, and I could pursue some new way to make a living. I am now in the process of deciding what that will be.

The reasons that I'm running for the Planning Board are:

1. I believe that what we need immediately are more cooperation and communication between the Board and the voters. I would like to help create a forum that would promote more openness and participation. A freer flow of information is needed in both directions. More citizens need to feel that the Board will listen to them and respect their comments and their thinking. Even if I don't get elected, I hope this letter starts the ball rolling.
2. I believe my engineering and business backgrounds help in evaluating the give and take of the technical decisions.
3. I believe that, given the rapid rate of change that is in store for us, we need to be willing to try to plan for the future rather than wait 'til the future is here and then try to "fix" things. Good planning includes the participation of those affected by the plans.

You can start participating now. Give me a call at 528-5154 or stop me at the Post Office. If these ideas appeal to you, then please give me your vote.

Sincerely,

Arthur "Elk" Dempsey

Monterey Voters:

My name is Maggie Leonard, and I am an independent candidate for the Monterey Planning Board. As a resident of Monterey for approximately nine years and recently a reporter for the *Monterey News*, I have become increasingly aware and interested in the issues facing our town; questions about growth, concern for the quality of our natural resources, and the preservation and use of open space.

I believe that growth is natural and desirable. Our town can enjoy increased diversity and prosperity in so far as it is vigilant in maintaining the quality of its environment. One of the challenges of the Monterey Planning Board is to implement collective goals that address both the concerns and needs of the citizens of Monterey. Responsible planning must consider both protection of natural resources as well as a citizen's privileges as a landowner.

Many voters are concerned about protection and use of open space and would like to see new land use concepts that preserve open space, such as clustering. If we as a town are interested in allowing for growth while retaining our rural quality we must consider innovative housing ideas that address these concerns instead of the same old grid-style development which our present bylaws encourage. In addition, I support the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw proposal, in its amended form which designates bodies of water located on a map of Monterey streams and ponds as prepared by the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.

Another area of interest is the use of Town lands. I would like to investigate the possibilities for recreational planning in Monterey, including a Town trail system and an expanded recreation area. Such projects can enhance an attractive town and benefit its inhabitants by providing activity/social centers so important to rural life.

Finally, I would like to say that I am an independent thinker capable of devoting both the time and the intellect to the Planning Board that Monterey citizens deserve.

I would appreciate your vote on May 5. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Maggie Leonard



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BRINGING RAJEE HOME

In Delhi, India, a six-year-old girl named Rajee is waiting eagerly for her chance to come live in Monterey. She is about to be adopted by the Aerie family, Cliff, Jan, Josh, and Arianna, and if all goes well her paperwork will be complete in time for her to come in late June.

Foreign adoptions are costly and can be terribly frustrating because of delays. In Rajee's case it is especially important that she get here soon. She had polio a year ago and suffered injury to both legs. If she comes soon and gets medical attention, she will walk again.

In order to get her here quickly, avoiding the delay of waiting, for an adoption escort, Cliff and Jan Aerie hope to travel to Delhi themselves in late June. Community members far and near can help bring Rajee home by participating in a fund-raising project which will take place over the next two months. This effort will culminate in a square and contradance at the firehouse on June 8 (see Calendar for details), which will be a community celebration giving everyone a chance to help this plucky Indian girl recover her health and feel welcome in her new home.

Rajee is waiting at Holy Cross, the same orphanage in Delhi which gave us Tarsi Dunlop and Sudi and Cora Baker. She knows she is coming to Monterey, and by the time the *Monterey News* goes to press, she will have seen photographs of her new house and received gifts from her new family.

Look for posters about Bringing Rajee Home and for her photograph in the June *Monterey News*! Tickets to the dance will be sold at the Monterey General Store May 15 to June 8.

— Bonner McAllester



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CHANGES AT THE ROADSIDE STORE

A number of changes will occur at the Roadside Store after it reopens on May 1. Roadside is owned and operated by Gould Farm and provides a worklike environment for Gould Farm guests who are at the Farm for psychiatric rehabilitation. Roadside is a nonprofit enterprise; however, price increases on all menu items will take effect on May 1. In addition, those of us involved in the operation and management of Roadside are re-evaluating the vision and purpose of the store in order to determine whether it is still meeting the needs of the Gould Farm guests who work there. We have found that in the past year or two, especially during the summers, the demands on our services are far outweighing what we are capable of providing, while still maintaining a therapeutic environment in which the guests can work. As this defeats Gould Farm's original purpose for Roadside, we will be implementing some changes as the summer season approaches, which may limit the hours we are open and the menu items available. As we introduce these changes at Roadside, we will do our best to balance the needs of Gould Farm with the needs of the Monterey community. We appreciate the support and the spirit that the local community brings to the store and hope that these changes will not affect this aspect of Roadside.

— Julia Lind

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at the phone's harsh summons—cacophony bold
to mar the maiden air—also watched
your fingers, strong for chat, arcane art
unknown to me, over-tramp
its buttons. In the compline watches, abed,
read, I feel them vamp
another tune.

Risen, after coffee
you embrace the lucky planet,
comprehend it by keyboard, gaudy
hieratic screen. O passionate
for schedules, diligent with clients, in-
cessant correspondent to inconstant inns.
Eager in the evening for catalogs of clothes.
Lover of goblets, dishes, candles, sheetings,
pillows—were ever more pillows thrown
on one king-sized bed? Marcher to meetings
—committees, boards, a reunion,
an 'event.'

Here's a dearer tally: Grown,
three kids; three spouses attached; two
grandchildren dependent. The sapling's grown—
fierce in possession you
hug its branches.

Hand fast on trunk,
an enormous joyous sweep of arm
draws our friends. Here! They gather!
by the ogival fire toss water
& spirits, then on table forearms lean, and dine,
and drink the flame-lit wine.

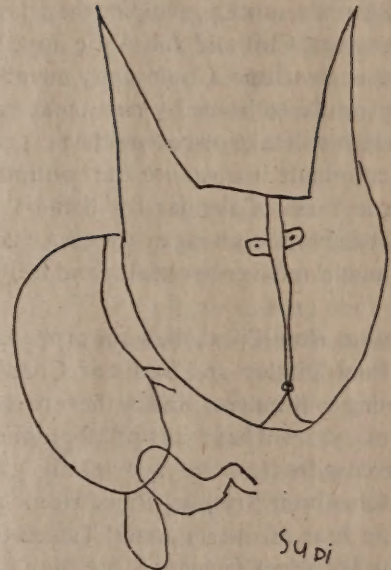
In a maiden evening
I have watched you sleep by the falling fire,
rouse a little, turn and sigh
tell me you love me. But chat & I are strangers.
Love, this must satisfy.

— James Michelman



Netherland bay
Setting new sail
On a sea of idea realizations
Knowing dreams are a common ground
And life
A common dream

V. T.



Full moon.
A penny pancake
In the skillet of the cast iron night

V. T.



OURS

Sweetness, as flowersmell
After a rain
Dropping
Soul into song

V. T.



A selection from "Replanting the Handmade Sky" by Mark Mendel, on display in Times Square, New York, May 1-31, 1990. The complete sequence, which takes about forty seconds, runs about every ten minutes, interspersing ads. Text copyright Mark Mendel 1990, photo by Oren Slor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

We support Maggie Leonard for the Planning Board. She knows the mechanics of Town government through her reporting for the *Monterey News*. Her energy, independence, and open-mindedness are anchored by a practical desire to see the Town succeed in planning its future.

John Sellew	Peter Murkett
Anne O'Connor	Mark Mendel
Jed Lipsky	Bonner McAllester
Jim Thomas	Barbara Tryon
Dek Tillett	Michèle Miller
Susan McAllester	Stefan Grotz
	Stephanie Grotz

To the Editor:

Politics, they say, makes strange bedfellows. For proof, look in these pages for a letter signed by Jed and Bonner both. Whoever would have thought it possible? Something must be up.

I signed the letter, too, and I am an active, public supporter of Maggie Leonard's independent, write-in campaign for a seat on the Planning Board. Why? The simple answer is that the success of any write-in campaign always depends on wide-open hard work.

The deeper reason has to do with the disheartening bitterness of the debate lately whenever Planning Board proposals come before the town for a vote. We are sadly polarized; good intentions and heartfelt beliefs have been savaged all around.

We're lucky to have a political life that empowers our beliefs, and I'm glad to live among people willing to speak their minds, whatever their opinions; but it comes to nothing, or worse, when individual passions stall every chance we have to plan the future of our town. I don't think it's time to take hard sides, dig in deeper. I think a receptive attitude toward intelligent compromise is crucial.

Maggie Leonard will be a hardworking, open-minded, fair and creative Planning Board member, and I welcome the chance to give her my vote.

Peter Murkett

To the Editor:

Thanks to Edith Wilson's thorough documentation of the history of the Planning Board, I've been enjoying reading it on this occasion, my retirement from the Board. After a failed first effort at zoning in 1946, a zoning committee was formed in 1957 which included Dean Amidon, Janet Lanoue, Helen Shaw, Edith Wilson and myself. We prepared an extensive by-law which needed the creation of a Planning Board for its adoption. Through the next several years the Board went through much turmoil until 1966, when the town voted its first by-law. The Board has continued to address our ever-changing growth.

Earth Day is a reminder to us that we are not keeping up with the pace of our environmental concerns. The explosion of technology in the post-World War II period has impacted significantly on our microcosm, Monterey. Second homes have become year-round retreats with the addition of labor-saving appliances, smaller and simply engineered mowing machines have led to larger clearings kept green with miracle fertilizers, behemoth earth-moving equipment can easily eat up slopes and rock to clear more remote and less accessible sites, and multi-car families and an improved highway system have made us a comfortable trip from any direction in our megalopolis. In the face of these impacts and a doubling of our population, the Board was often asked to play "catch up" in addressing the town's environmental pressures.

This last five-year term on the Board has been a particularly interesting one for me because it saw a return to in-depth planning. If the waters that we see, Lakes Garfield and Buel, have deteriorated in quality, what of the waters that we cannot see? What of the slopes cleared for views, lawns and driveways? What of the open spaces which define our "rural character" so threatened by development, diminished agriculture, and increased taxation? With the assistance of professional persons and organizations, the Board had access to a wealth of information to guide it in the preparation of its most recent proposed by-laws, which deal with the protection of our water resources, soil erosion, run-off, slope, open space, earth disturbances, and driveways.

I leave this Board feeling good about its accomplishments in the last thirty years and most particularly of its present membership. The town can do no better. Thank you for your support.

— Barbara Tryon

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MONTEREY ARTS COUNCIL

Attention, Monterey artists, craftspeople! We want you to help us create a mutually successful Monterey Summer Festival, July 14, 1990. This year, you're invited and encouraged to have your own exhibition space in the pavilion behind the firehouse. You can both *exhibit* and *sell* your own work. Suggested donation is \$20 for booth space of 10' x 6'. Letters will be going out soon, but help us by spreading the word to Monterey artists and craftspeople.

For reservations, see booth application form in this issue. RSVP as soon as possible.

— Donna Bartell

UPDATE ON THE 1990 MONTEREY SUMMER FESTIVAL, JULY 13-14

Friday night, July 13: Folk Concert, United Church of Christ Sanctuary, featuring Pandora Nickerson, John Humphrey, and Anson Olds. Tickets at the door.

Saturday, July 14: Morning—Foot races for kids and adults. To participate, call Bob Gauthier, 528-1624.

Morning: the usual, very unusual, down-home *Parade*, complete with home-grown Marching Band (organic!) and, we hope, an assortment of animals who enjoy a brisk walk. Everybody in town is invited to participate. Bring your pet, your favorite stuffed animal, yourself in animal costume, or yourself in parade dress. Push a stroller, pull a wagon, do cart-wheels! We want Pom-pom Girls, Majorettes, Clowns! We want *you*. Call Ellen Pearson, 528-1988.

All day: at the pavilion—arts, crafts, flea market, food, Town information books, activities, games.

All day, in Greene Park: kids' activities, booths, games, contests, pony rides, a Kids' Flea Market! Call Eileen Clawson, 528-4835, to sign up.

Meanwhile: to make flea-market donations, call Marge McMahon, 528-1409, to help with food (sales or preparation), call Milly Walsh, 528-4257; to help set up or clean up, call Donna Bartell, 528-5874. Anybody who will donate a Spin Art set-up, call Donna.

Soon: watch for the artfully animal-full 1990 T-shirt, designed by Joel Schick.

— Ellen Pearson

Monterey Arts Council's MONTEREY SUMMER FESTIVAL 1990

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MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The computers in the Library are now fully "up" and operating very well indeed. It is really amazing what we can now do with them that took hours to do before. For instance, books that are received by the Library are now catalogued and on the shelves within about a day of their arrival—this is great news for the bestseller-readers among us! The Library staff can also use the computer to figure out circulation and can tell who has what books out at the push of a button. The whole task of circulating books should be much easier all around, but especially during periods of higher use, such as the summer. The computers can be used for searching for particular authors, stories, topics or illustrators, or indeed anything which has a key word somewhere in its title or description.

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who contributed to the Library over the past several years. The money to pay for this computerization came from the fund set up for library donations (with additional contributions from the State Aid to Libraries). We are certainly very appreciative. We have some further expansion of the computer system in mind: perhaps a terminal for the use of patrons, which will be tied in to the Library catalogue, and, at some time in the future, perhaps we will have the capability of linking up with computer systems in other libraries, whether local (e.g., Mt. Everett School) or regional (e.g., Pittsfield or Springfield). The excitement of this new departure for Monterey is not over yet!

The Library Book Discussion Series in March was a great success—Anne Marie Makuc gives it an "A+," and I think that most of the participants agree. The response was much better than we had expected and shows that the audience for such series is there in Monterey at all times of the year. The speakers for each of the evenings were very impressed by the level of discussion they generated. We definitely plan to have another series some time in the future, and probably several. The series available for us through the "New England Book Bag" program are listed in a booklet which is now in the Library for your perusal. Take a look, and see what sort of thing sparks your interest.

The Trustees have been considering the possibility of developing a collection of tapes of contemporary poets reading their own work. To this end, Mark Mendel is generously lending to the Library some of his own tapes for circulation to patrons. I will step aside and let Mark tell you about them.

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Poets have spoken with clarity of their times, even though it is usually the historians looking back who notice. We read Auden to understand the '40s, for instance. I feel people need to hear the voices of the poets of their own times to understand the times and the poets. This is why I am loaning these three tapes to see if there is interest in the community. I feel tapes are important because, of course, one hears the poems in the poet's voice with all the inflection, passion, etc., but also because driving time may be Americans' most contemplative hours. I submit the following thumbnail sketches.

Hayden Carruth. Writes of the personal suffering we all may fear to face. He faces it. Some very funny poems about New England characters and tools (especially the chainsaw). Writes about New England in transition. Technically brilliant. Tougher, smarter, and subtler than Frost.

Carolyn Forché. Technically a virtuoso. Beautiful writing that can be unbearable because of the subject matter. Writes of the public or social suffering that we also fear to face. Her poems written in El Salvador in the 1970s foretold the suffering there which continues to this day. Has written from South Africa and from Lebanon during the current civil war (was a National Public Radio correspondent there, evacuated when the Americans left). Tough; the best poet of our generation.

George Oppen. A difficult poet for serious readers and listeners; meditative. Began writing in the '30s; WW II European vet, won the Pulitzer in 1969. Writes of light very observantly and of the great mineral silence and of the relationship of words to the heart.

— Mark Mendel
John Higgins
Library Trustees



MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

A series of five nature walks, led by Bonner McAllester under the auspices of the Park Commission, will again be offered to Monterey children ages six to twelve. The walks will take place on Thursdays in June and July and will be limited to the first ten who register.

Bonner McAllester, known to readers of the *Monterey News* for her columns on natural history, is a teacher, naturalist, writer, and illustrator with twenty years' experience. Her nature walks are scheduled for June 21 and 28, July 5, 19, and 26, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Each week she will focus on a different habitat, including discussion, identification, sketching, writing, and reporting orally to the group. On rainy days the classes will meet in the basement of the United Church of Christ.

These walks constitute a five-week course in the natural history of Monterey, and children are asked to register for all five sessions. Call Bonner McAllester at 528-9385 for further information and to register. Partial funding will be provided by the Monterey United Church of Christ Earth Day offering.

PERSONAL NOTES

Best wishes to **Robin Pearl** and **Jonathan Kargman**, who were married on February 25 at the Tavern on the Green in New York City. Robin is the daughter of **Bud** and **Shirley Pearl** of Bidwell Road, who have just returned from Puerto Rico—welcome back!

Our congratulations to **Kevin Bradley** and **Lynn Marie La Coss** on their engagement. Kevin, the son of **Maureen Bradley** of Blue Hill Road and the late **Thomas Bradley**, is a Ph.D. candidate in analytical chemistry at Duke University in North Carolina. Lynn is a Ph.D. candidate in organic chemistry at Duke. Both received bachelor of arts degrees in chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester in 1985, and a June 30 wedding is planned at that college in the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. Our best to both of you!

Congratulations also to **Matthew Sherb**, who graduated from New York University on February 12, *cum laude*. Matt was also named a "University Honor Scholar," an award he received at ceremonies on April 24, and will receive the "Metropolitan Studies Program Award," for outstanding accomplishments, at ceremonies to be held May 12. Mom **Sharon** and **Mike Feltser** are rightfully very proud of you—great job, Matt! And, best of luck job searching in New York!

Karl and **Shirley Quisenberry** drove from Houston, Texas, to celebrate Karl's April 5 birthday at their Lake Garfield home. A wonderful weekend celebration included all the family, **Keith**, **Karen** and one-year-old **Kirsten**, **Nancy** and **David** and **Jamie**, and also **Scott** and **Judy Jervas**. It was a special time, and where else to celebrate but in Monterey!

Check out those tans! **Dean** and **Fran Amidon** had a great two weeks relaxing on the beach in St. Augustine, Florida. Had great weather, great surf, saw some family, and had a super time.

Welles and **Kay Sellew** have recovered from a weekend laughing binge with dear friends **Herb** and **Marion Wheeler** from Long Island and "**Whitey**" and **Eleanor Whitehouse** from Maine.

Welcome back to **Dick** and **Barbara Tryon**, who had a wonderful Hawaiian vacation.


Hats off to **Natasha Grotz**, who received the 1990 Headmaster's Award as outstanding student at Waterville Valley Academy, where she is a winter semester student. In separate ceremonies, Tasha also received the most valuable skier of the year award from the Waterville Valley Black and Blue Trail Smashers Ski Educational Foundation, one of the oldest alpine training organizations in North America. Her name will be added to a plaque kept at the mountain as the 1990 recipient. And Tasha won her last race of the season at Loon Mt., amassing enough points to capture the UVEX Spring Series title! A great season, Tasha—welcome back to Monterey!

I'm doing some backtracking again on the birthday wishes! Forgive me, but after several years of this I am finally trying to organize my birthday lists so that I can carry them from year to year and maybe even get more up to date! Help me out—remind me of any birthdays you wish to see in the *News*. Thanks! For now, Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Arnold Garber** on March 1, to **Janet Garber** on March 7, to **Bonner McAllester** and **Randy Gelbard** on March 13, to **Fred Carlisle** on March 15, to **Celia Gottlieb** on March 24, and to **Alf** and **Ellen Pedersen** on March 27. And to **Eric Pedersen** on April 4, to **Dinah Scutellaro** on April 14, to **Don Coburn** on Apr. 18, to **Douglas Brown** on May 6, and to **A. Wallace Tryon** on May 31. Also, Happy Anniversary wishes to **Randy** and **Adrienne Gelbard** on March 13 and to **Alf** and **Lena Pedersen** on May 22.

Any little news regarding you or your family? Please jot down your items and drop them at the General Store or in the mail to me, just Route 23, or give me a call evenings at 528-4519.

— Stephanie Grotz

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TWO IDEAS TO RECYCLE

If you didn't yet get a blue set-out container for bottle and can recycling, there is still time. You can pick it up at the Town Hall on Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon). Containers will probably also be available at the transfer station during some open hours around Memorial Day.

As you may realize by now, our Western Massachusetts recycling program was a good investment by state government. It provides savings of almost \$70 per ton to our Town on the portion of waste which we now recycle while costing only \$14 per ton in state funds to operate the program. I could rhapsodize further, but I'll do that later.

One material that our program doesn't accept is plastic of any kind. But some area food stores are starting to accept some plastic materials at their bottle counters. All Price Chopper stores in Berkshire County now accept milk-type plastic jugs (but not bleach or detergent type). They need not be Price Chopper brand.

Simply rinse the jugs, leave the caps off, put the jugs on the return counter in the store and walk away; you've done your bit.

— Wayne Burkhart

VOTE FOR THE OVERRIDE

On this year's warrant there will be a ballot vote worded: "Shall the Town be allowed to assess an additional \$65,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for operating funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990?"

We, as your Selectmen, urge you to vote "yes" on this because we and the financial committee anticipate a shortfall of that amount in State Aid.

If we receive the State Aid, then it will be used to reduce the free cash being used in our budget.

Please keep in mind that this is part of our operating budget and will not raise taxes.

As a matter of fact, taxes will go down because the budget is less than last year's.

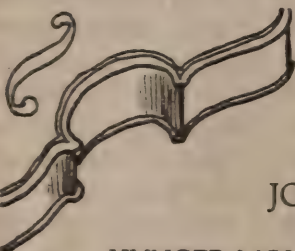
— Board of Selectmen

FLYING CLOUD SUMMER PROGRAM

The Monterey Arts Lottery Council has granted \$200 in scholarship money to the Flying Cloud Summer Program, to be used for Monterey residents who wish to participate. The Flying Cloud is located near York Lake in New Marlborough. The program provides activities for children aged four through twelve, including dance, pottery, basketry, art, nature, tennis. There will also be adult workshops in pottery and basketry. The tennis and dance are also available for adults. All groups are limited to ten participants.

If you are interested in the Flying Cloud Summer Program, write to Jane Burke, SR 70, Box 143, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Look in the June *Monterey News* for full schedule of events.

— Jane Burke



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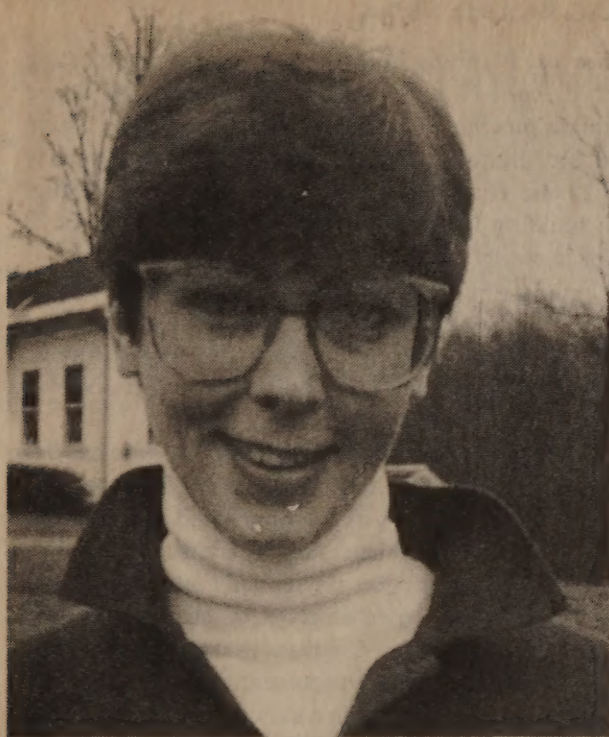
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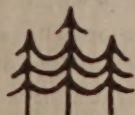


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BIDWELL HOUSE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

David Walker-Price, president of the Board of Directors of The Bidwell House recently welcomed Shirley Clute as its new Executive Director. David Brush and Jack Hargis, owners of the property since 1960, left the house to be opened to the public, and therefore The Bidwell House on Art School Road in Monterey becomes Berkshire County's latest historic house museum.

History and culture have always captured Shirley Clute's attention. That is why she was happy to drive 1,300 miles from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Monterey to take on the challenge of developing the museum.

Since a childhood visit to a Minneapolis museum where she saw three rooms furnished with eighteenth-century New England furniture, American decorative arts and architecture have had a special fascination for her. For seventeen summers Shirley explored and researched her interests throughout New England, concentrating her efforts in the Berkshires. Becoming a Massachusetts resident is a natural and happy continuation of her involvement in American history and culture. Shirley applied her experience to her college career at the University of Minnesota and her Historical Design Consulting business. She also directed time and energy toward volunteering in various capacities at both her local county historical society and the Minnesota Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office. Each situation provided opportunities for her to be involved with historical evidence of lives, events, and how the present came to be.

Shirley is ready to tackle her job with the same enthusiasm that she uses to speak of history and the Berkshires, and preparing for opening day, May 26 at 11:00 a.m., has become an all-encompassing task for her. Her primary objective for Monterey's new museum is to make history come alive. For Shirley, local and regional development of the Berkshires since the early 1700s is an exciting story. The Bidwell House is part of that story. It is more than the town's first minister's home. It is more than a Georgian saltbox house built in 1750 still resting on its original foundation. And it is more than a wonderful collection of period furnishings that are in accordance with Reverend Adonijah Bidwell's 1784 probate inventory. It is documentary evidence of a particular lifestyle within the culture of early Berkshire County history. It also expresses the regard and position that Bidwell received from the townspeople and is a fine example of the enthusiasm and generosity of the previous owners of an exceptional local historic landmark.

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NEWS FROM THE MONTEREY WATER COMPANY

For years the Monterey Water Company, a cooperative, has operated under the philosophy that it will provide water to its members at the lowest possible price—a philosophy that has resulted in losses for the company in five of the last seven years. A small balance in surplus has kept the company afloat. We will continue to follow that philosophy, but federal regulations dictated that a rate increase was necessary this year. The Board of Directors has been trying to approach this problem in several ways. We have contacted our local legislators and are working with the Department of Environmental Protection to determine exactly how our system will be affected. The legislation that is causing all this confusion was entitled the Clean Water Act, which is being regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and enforced by our state DEP. Starting in May, and for the next 12 months, we will be extensively testing the water system according to state guidelines. Although none of the requirements has been finalized, and probably won't be for a while, there are three areas of concern that we will be working on: watershed protection, making sure that the water entering the system is free from disease-causing organisms such as giardia and viruses, and keeping the water that way as it moves through the entire distribution system. The only thing we are not liable for is the quality of the water as it falls from the sky. Clean water has become a hot topic these days, and water quality can't be taken for granted. We do hope that the DEP will take into account the history of very good test records that the company has built up over the years and also the fact that our cooperative has just over fifty members. Improvements that on a system with thousands of users might mean an increase of a dollar or two per user could run much higher with us due to our smaller number of consumers. We have been attending meetings in Pittsfield and Springfield, making sure to bring this out. A consultant from Rural Water Supply in Winchendon, Ted Cady, has also been working with us. His services are free. Over the winter he was on a commission that studied the problems of systems with less than 500 users, and as a result the DEP is starting a program to prove to the EPA that what is mandatory for the Pittsfield or Quabbin water supplies might not be the most efficient or effective way of ensuring water quality for systems such as Monterey's—especially if the untreated water is good to begin with. We thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work to bring our system into compliance with government regulations and keep the cost to our users as low as possible.

— Board of Directors
Monterey Water Company

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Monterey Planning Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12, with all members present. The Board approved plans presented by surveyor Mike Parsons for Susan and David McAllester to convey 1.23 acres of their property on Route 23 and Hupi Road to Bonner McAllester of Hupi Road. No building lot will be created. An additional 10.77 acres will be in conservation restriction.

The Planning Board reviewed a map of Monterey streams and ponds from the Regional Planning Commission in preparation for the Public Hearing on April 20. The hearing will address the amendments recently made to the Stream and Pond Protection bylaw proposal.

This was the last meeting for Barbara Tryon, who has been on the Planning Board (on and off) since 1967. Barbara was one of the original founders of the Board and was on a "pre-Planning Board" in 1965. When asked by Chairman Joe Baker to reflect upon her experience, she replied that she would like to see the Planning Board plan for problems before they happen instead of trying to deal with situations that are out of control. Barbara said that she felt that the present bylaw proposal (i.e., Stream and Pond Protection) is a step in the right direction. Chairman Baker thanked Barbara for her extraordinary dedication to the Board and said that she would be missed.

Stream and Pond Protection

For the second year the Monterey Planning Board will bring a Stream and Pond Protection proposal before the voters. This bylaw would increase set-back requirements from streams and ponds from 50 feet to 150 feet. No subsurface sewage effluent leaching system such as cesspool, dry well, leaching field, or a drainage system would be constructed within the 150-foot set-back. In addition, no dwelling, parking area longer than 600 square feet or impervious-surfaced parking or recreational area larger than 300 feet should be constructed within 75 feet of any natural or manmade bodies of water except with a permit.

The Planning Board, in response to recent population growth, crafted this bylaw to protect water quality in Monterey. After consulting with the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission on minimum and maximum setback distance requirements and soil quality, they decided on 150 feet as a viable setback requirement. While admitting that individually engineered soil analysis would be the optimum method of determining setback distance it was concluded that this would be financially unfeasible for landowners. Setback requirements can range from a minimum of 30 feet to a maximum of 300 feet. The Planning Board believes that the 150-foot setback is a conservative proposal that would be sufficient to protect water quality without presenting a hardship to landowners.

Opponents of the bylaw assert that Monterey has excellent water quality and that the 150-foot setback proposal is too restrictive. They feel that this proposal in conjunction with other regulatory bylaws would severely constrain the small landowner. The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to oppose the proposed bylaw for many reasons, concluding that a special permit would be required to obtain a variance and thus force the Board of Appeals to regulate wetlands, usually the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

— Maggie Leonard

THE MONTEREY GRANGE

At the March 21 meeting Monterey Grange No. 291 had a springtime program including a plant, bulb, and seed exchange. Plans were made for an exhibit during Grange Week, April 22-28, and for participation in the Monterey Summer Festival in July. The Grange was invited to a membership meeting on April 21 at the Pittsfield Grange Hall.

At the April 4 meeting further plans were made for Grange Week. Arbor Day will be celebrated, and the theme "Conservation and Agriculture" was chosen for the exhibit to be mounted at the Monterey Post Office.

Applications for membership are being accepted, and the Grange extends a warm welcome to potential new members.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, May 1—Prayer Breakfast at Alice Howell's and Walter Andersen's house. 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 5—Town Meeting. 10:00 a.m. at the firehouse.

Wednesday, May 9—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement. The speaker will be Susan Bynack Bolduc: "Llama trekking in Montana." She will have slides of this interesting experience.

Thursday, May 10—Friends of Silence at Alice Howell's and Walter Andersen's house. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 12—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Tuesday, May 15—Arts Council, regular meeting, 7:15 p.m., in the Church basement.

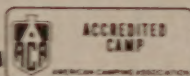
Saturday, May 26—Opening of the Adonijah Bidwell House to the public. At the end of Art School Road, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 26—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange. This program is for people who have done it before; see notice for May 12 for other details.

Monday, May 28—Memorial Day Parade, leaves from the intersection of Route 23 and the Sandisfield Road, at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, June 8—*Bringing Rajee Home*, a square and contra-dance to raise money for the adoption of Rajee and for the Aeries' trip to India in late June (see article on page 9). The dance will be from 8:00 to 11:30 in the Monterey firehouse or pavilion, depending on the weather. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker. This dance will be perfect for beginners, children, experts, spectators, and anyone else who wants to celebrate Rajee's adoption into our community. Admission (donations): \$10.00, adults; \$5.00, children. Refreshments served. Tickets available at the Monterey General Store May 15 to June 8, also at the dance. Information: 528-9385.

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SPRING CLEANUP

The Town road crew and the Gould Farm volunteers began cleanup of the Town center in mid-April, as they have for many years, in the faith that the serious snows and their deposits of salt and sand are over. They were helped this year by volunteers from the Democratic Town Committee, who came with rakes and trucks on Earth Day to clean along the shoulders of Routes 23 and 57 as a practical demonstration of respect for our environment. Roger Tryon was in charge, assisted by Matt Williams, Wayne Burkhardt, and a group of young volunteers, who gathered up everything from old envelopes to discarded tires for proper disposal.

AD RATES

One-inch classified ads (1" x 3 3/8")	\$ 2.50
Two-inch business cards (2" x 3 3/8")	5.00
Three-inch ad (3" x 3 3/8")	7.50
Four-inch ad (4" x 3 3/8")	10.00

Back cover ads are double the above prices. No classifieds on the back cover. Copy should reach the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. In general, we cannot run letters more than one column in length.

PARK COMMISSION NOTICE

Swimming classes will be starting July 30, for two weeks. For details call 528-1233.

Needed: a lifeguard and swimming instructor for the season at the Monterey beach. For further information call 528-1233.

— Fran Amidon

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